

# CSWC Operational Period Summary

## 1800 December 29 2014 to 0600 December 30 2014



Yosemite Valley and Bridalveil Falls from Tunnel View on 12/17/14.

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# **SITUATION SUMMARY**

## **Significant Events – National**

### **White House, Congress poised to address commercial drone use**

(Al Jazeera America) The Obama administration is on the verge of proposing long-awaited rules for commercial drone operations in U.S. skies, but key decisions on how much access to grant drones are likely to come from Congress next year. Federal Aviation Administration officials have said they want to release proposed rules for drones before the end of this month, but other government and industry officials say they are likely to be delayed until January. Meanwhile, except for a small number of companies that have received FAA exemptions, a ban on commercial drone flights remains in place. Even after rules are proposed, it is likely to be two or three years before regulations become final. FAA regulations permit recreational users to fly small drones as long as they stay at least 5 miles away from an airport, limit flights to less than 400 feet in altitude, keep the aircraft in line of sight and fly only during the daytime.

### **U.S. calls for release of imprisoned American in Egypt remain unanswered**

(Al Jazeera America) 27-year-old Mohamed Soltan, a jailed U.S. citizen in Egypt, may finally have his chance at freedom if the Egyptian government honors requests from the United States to release him. Soltan is more than 330 days into the longest hunger strike in recorded Egyptian prison history and has suffered from three strokes, two comas, and makeshift surgery from a prison floor. Soltan was arrested by Egyptian authorities on August 25, 2013, accused of being part of a group aimed at spreading violence during the August 2013 anti-coup protests and for charges of spreading falsified news aimed at endangering national security. The Egyptian government has not responded to calls requesting comment on how they plan to respond to the United States' continued pleas for Soltan's release.



# **SITUATION SUMMARY**

## **Significant Events – International**

### **AirAsia QZ8501: Officials says debris is missing plane**

(BBC News) A statement by AirAsia says that Indonesian officials have confirmed that the bodies and debris found in the Java Sea off Borneo are from AirAsia flight QZ8501 that went missing on Sunday. The Indonesian Navy said that forty bodies were found after debris was spotted on Tuesday, the third day of searching. A navy spokesman said rescuers were "very busy now" with the salvage operation. The statement said the remains were found in the Karimata Strait, south west of Pangkalan Bun in the Borneo province of Central Kalimantan.

### **Albanian seamen die in Norman Atlantic ferry recovery**

(BBC News) Two Albanian seamen have been killed on a tugboat while towing the fire-stricken Norman Atlantic ferry. Albanian officials say that both men died after a connecting cable between the vessels snapped on Tuesday morning after it became entangled in a propeller. Ten people were killed and more than 400 rescued, after a fire broke out on the Norman Atlantic ferry in the stormy Adriatic Sea on Sunday. The Italian authorities said they could not verify the actual number of people originally on board and it is unclear how many passengers are still missing.

### **Scotland confirms case of Ebola**

(CNN) Health officials in Glasgow, Scotland, have confirmed a case of Ebola. Scottish health agency NHS Scotland said "The patient is a health care worker who was helping to combat the disease in West Africa" and returned from Sierra Leone late Sunday night. The patient was working with Save the Children at an Ebola treatment center in Sierra Leone, according to Michael von Bertele, humanitarian director at that organization.

# **SITUATION SUMMARY**

## **Weather of Concern**

- A cold upper low will move over California during the middle of this week bringing a chilly and windy end to 2014.
- For Northern California, light snow accumulations will be possible along the Sierra. However, the bigger impact will be the north winds that develop today into Wednesday. Trees remain drought-stressed may be more susceptible to being toppled than normal. The strong north winds are also an atypical direction for Solano County, and could lead to exacerbated downed tree issues.
- For Southern California, rain is going to be the problem in elevations below 2500 feet with snow above that level. Travel headaches are sure to be the rule on New Year's Eve. Snow expected in Southeast California Deserts and Mountains today through Wednesday afternoon. Up to 2 inches in most desert locations, including Joshua Tree National Park and the I-5 Grapevine, and 4 to 6 inches over higher elevations. Snow levels will drop to 2000 feet by early Wednesday morning. Very low temps are forecast for San Diego for New Year's Eve with coastal area temps ranging from 32 to 41 degrees.
- Cal OES Southern Region has polled its OAs and one county (Santa Barbara) intends to open Warming Centers. No OAs anticipate activating EOCs for the projected storm this week.

## **Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought**

- SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought

# SITUATION SUMMARY

## Weather of Concern (Continued)

- High Wind Warning in effect from 1600 this afternoon through 1000 Wednesday for the Sierra Nevada from Yosemite to King's Canyon (*portions of Fresno, Madera, Mariposa, and Tuolumne Counties*).
- Winter Storm Warning in effect from 1600 this afternoon to 0400 Thursday above 2000 feet for the Eastern Mojave Desert Including the Mojave National Preserve and Morongo Basin (*portions of San Bernardino County*).
- Winter Storm Warning in effect from 1600 this afternoon through 1600 Wednesday above 2000 feet for the Apple and Lucerne Valleys, Coachella Valley, Riverside County Mountains, San Bernardino County Mountains, San Bernardino and Riverside County Valleys -The Inland Empire, San Diego County Deserts, San Diego County Mountains, San Diego County Valleys, Santa Ana Mountains and Foothills (*portions of Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego Counties*).
- Winter Storm Watch in effect from this evening through Wednesday morning for the Antelope Valley, Los Angeles County Mountains excluding the Santa Monica Range, and Ventura County Mountains (*portions of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties*).
- Hard Freeze Watch in effect from late tonight through **Wednesday morning** for the Santa Ynez Valley and Ventura County Interior Valleys (*portions of Ventura County*).
- **Hard Freeze Warning in effect from midnight tonight through 0700 Wednesday for the Redwood Coast (*portions of Del Norte and Humboldt Counties*).**
- **Hard Freeze Watch in effect from Wednesday evening through Thursday morning for East-Central San Joaquin Valley, Southeastern San Joaquin Valley, Southwestern San Joaquin Valley, and West-Central San Joaquin Valley (*portions of Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, and Tulare Counties*).**
- **Freeze Watch in effect from late tonight through Wednesday morning for San Luis Obispo County Central Coast, Santa Barbara County Central Coast (*portions of San Luis Obispo Santa Barbara Counties*).**
- **Freeze Watch in effect from Wednesday evening through Thursday morning for Los Angeles County San Fernando Valley, Los Angeles County San Gabriel Valley, San Luis Obispo County Central Coast, Santa Barbara County Central Coast, Santa Barbara County South Coast, Santa Clarita Valley, Santa Monica Mountains Recreational Area, and Ventura County Coastal Valleys (*portions of Los Angeles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties*).**
- **Freeze Watch in effect from late Wednesday night through Friday morning for Carquinez Strait and Delta, Central Sacramento Valley, Clear Lake in Southern Lake County, Northern Sacramento Valley, Northern San Joaquin Valley, Southern Sacramento Valley, Motherlode, Northeast Foothills in Sacramento Valley (*portions of Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Shasta, Solano, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Tuolumne, Yolo, and Yuba Counties*).**
- **Freeze Watch in effect from late Wednesday night through Thursday morning for East Bay Hills and the Diablo Range, Santa Cruz Mountains, North Bay Mountains, East Bay Interior Valleys, North Bay Interior Valleys, Santa Clara Valley including San Jose, Mountains of San Benito County and Interior Monterey County including Pinnacles National Monument, Northern Salinas Valley, Hollister Valley and Carmel Valley, Santa Lucia Mountains and Los Padres National Forest, Southern Salinas Valley, Arroyo Seco and Lake San Antonio (*portions of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Monterey, Napa, San Benito, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, and Sonoma Counties*).**
- **Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories:** [http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/www\\_bc\\_cal.php](http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/www_bc_cal.php)



# WEATHER

## WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

### **NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS:**

#### **Eureka Weather:**

A cold and dry low pressure system over Northern California will shift southward as high pressure builds to the north. This pattern will result in gusty winds today and frigid temperatures tonight. A gradual warming trend will take place late this week into early next week as high pressure shifts over the Pacific Northwest.

#### **Medford Weather:**

A long wave ridge over the Eastern Pacific will drift very slowly east and strengthen into Wednesday, weaken slowly into Friday, and then strengthen again Friday through the weekend. This will result in a dry pattern for the rest of this week. Once the remaining showers clear out tonight, the forecast area can expect mostly clear weather over the ridges, coast, and east side, though there is the potential for low clouds and fog trapped in the west side valleys.

#### **Reno Weather:**

Snow showers over Western Nevada and the Eastern Sierra will diminish from north to south during the day. Gusty winds are expected through tonight which will produce rough conditions on area lakes along with possible areas of blowing snow. Temperatures will be bitter cold with wind chills in the single digits and negative values heading into the new year. A milder pattern will return for the weekend.

#### **San Francisco Weather:**

A cold and dry storm system will produce strong and gusty north to northeast winds across the San Francisco Bay Area from today through Wednesday evening. A wind advisory is in effect and winds will gradually decrease on Wednesday. The cold and dry air mass that will sweep across the region today and tonight will likely result in the coldest temperatures of the season thus far on Wednesday night. Freezing temperatures are likely for inland areas late Wednesday night and Thursday morning. Temperatures will gradually moderate late in the week and into the weekend, freezing or near freezing nighttime lows will likely continue into the inland valleys through at least Thursday night.

# WEATHER

## WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

### **CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY**

#### **Sacramento Weather:**

A cold upper trough will continue a threat of snow showers over the crest of the northern Sierra today. Strong gusty north winds will develop today with breezy conditions continuing Wednesday. On Thursday there will be decreasing winds with dry weather into the weekend. Cold overnight low temperatures return tonight with very low wind chills.

#### **Hanford Weather:**

A slight chance of showers today into Wednesday and light snow over the Kern County Mountains and Desert. Cold air returns to the Central California Interior by midweek.

### **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:**

#### **Los Angeles Weather:**

A very cold low pressure system will bring extremely cold overnight temperatures, gusty winds, and mountain and Antelope Valley snow overnight into Wednesday. Freezes are expected in many areas both Wednesday and Thursday mornings. The rest of the week looks cool and dry with some warming over the weekend.

#### **Extreme Southwestern California Including Orange, San Diego, Western Riverside and Southwestern San Bernardino Counties:**

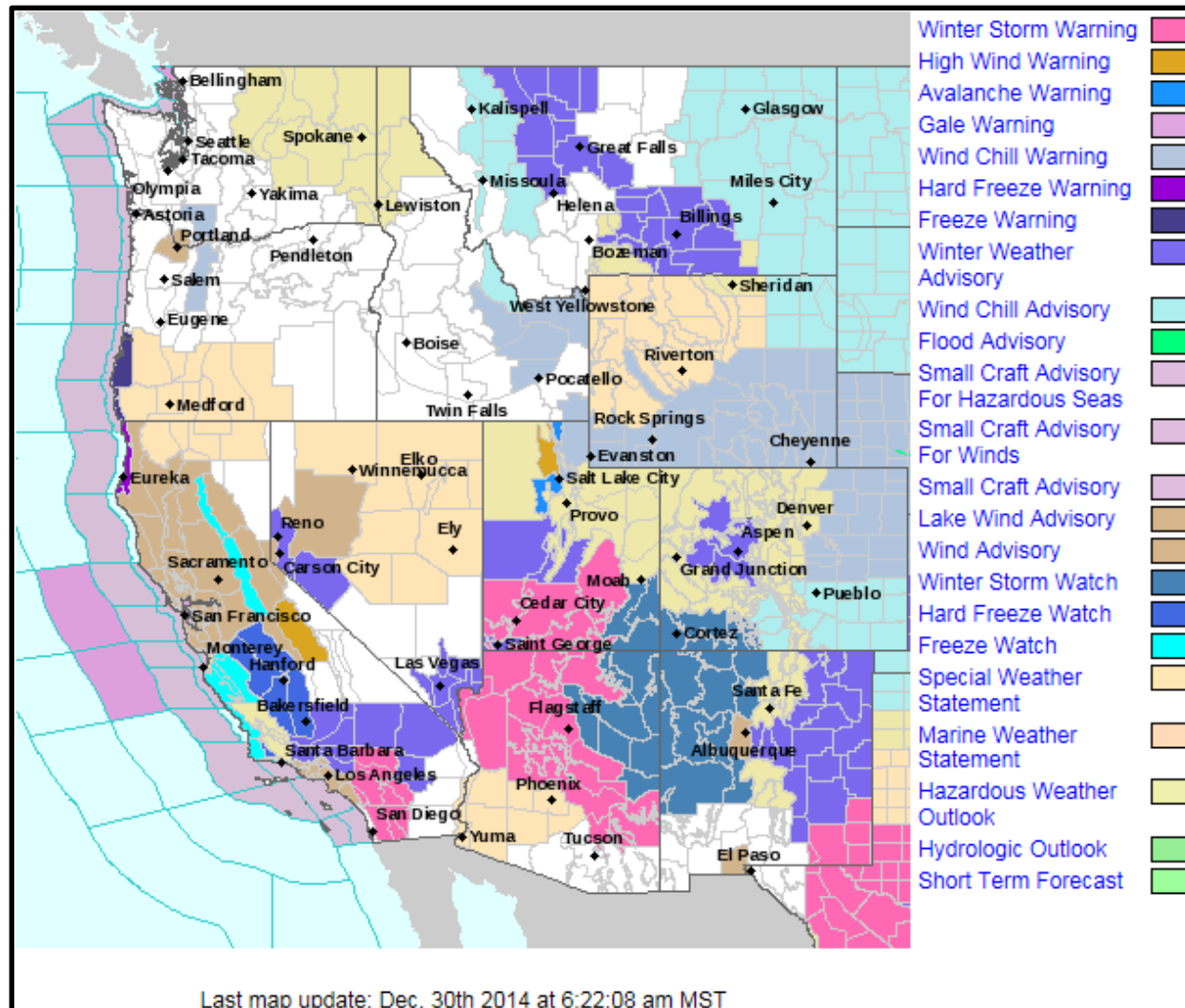
A cold winter storm will bring rain showers to the coast and valleys with snow showers likely in the foothills and mountains from this afternoon through Wednesday. Travel in the mountains may be treacherous with periods of heavy snow. The brunt of the storm will occur tonight and Wednesday morning. The storm exits the region New Year's Eve and will be followed by cold days and very cold nights through Friday, when frost advisories or freeze warnings may be needed. High pressure will build in over the weekend resulting in warmer temperatures.

#### **Southeast California Weather:**

A major winter storm system will affect the region Wednesday and Thursday with an increasing likelihood of widespread desert rain and mountain snow. Snow levels will fall to as low as 2000 feet for a period with substantial snowfall accumulation over mountainous terrain. Cooler but dry weather will return by the end of the week through the weekend.



# STATE WEATHER MAP



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# **FIRE ACTIVITY**



## **Preparedness Levels**

### **National Preparedness Level 1**

#### **Northern California**

Preparedness Level 1, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 1

#### **Southern California**

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

## **California Fire Potential & Weather Maps**

### **Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential**

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8>

### **Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential**

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10>

### **California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings**

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php>

### **NWS California River Forecast Center:**

<http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/>

# **RECOVERY ACTIVITIES**

## **Boles Incident Vegetation Fire- City of Weed, Siskiyou County**

### **Recovery Activities**

#### **Public Assistance**

- On 10/06/14, the Governor issued Executive Order (EO) B-27-14, which provides CDAA, and debris removal assistance, including the suspension of rules and regulations impacting debris removal. The EO also provides the ability for nonprofit organizations to seek reimbursement for extraordinary activities through the State Private Nonprofit Organizations Assistance Program. As of 12/05/14, all debris removal operations are complete.
- On 10/28/14, the City of Weed reestablished water pressure to its downtown area; however, the water storage capacity for fire suppression is still lacking. The City expects water storage to be restored by 12/31/14, or sooner if the weather permits.

#### **Individual Assistance**

- On 10/01/14, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) approved a disaster declaration making SBA assistance available in the primary County of Siskiyou and the contiguous counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, Modoc, Shasta, and Trinity, making low-interest federal disaster loans available to homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and private nonprofit organizations whose property was damaged or destroyed by the Boles Fire. The application deadline for property damage was 12/01/14. The deadline to return economic injury applications is 07/01/15.
- The Cal OES VAL continues to coordinate and participate in Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG) meetings with NGO, Faith Based, and local agencies. Shasta Community Foundation was identified as a fiscal agent for the group. Individuals needing assistance should be directed to the Family & Community Resource Center of Weed located at 260 Main Street, Weed. Funding organizations will assist with unmet needs through the case management process. The VAL continues to work with the Weed LTRG in identifying resources and gaps in services.
- The College of the Siskiyou's website contains a Fire Resource List of various local agencies offering goods and services. The document can be found at <http://www.siskiyous.edu/humanresources/documents/fireresourcelist.pdf>. Additional information on recovery efforts can be found at <https://weed.recovers.org/>.

# RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

## Magnitude 6.0 Earthquake, American Canyon, Napa County

- Cal OES and FEMA announced that the Major Disaster declaration for the South Napa earthquake will also include the Individuals and Households Program under the Stafford Act. This amendment makes assistance available to help homeowners and renters recover from the earthquake.
- As a result of President Obama's major disaster declaration, the U.S. Small Business Administration declared Napa and Solano counties, making residents and business owners eligible to apply for low-interest physical loss disaster loans. This declaration also made available low-interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) for businesses to apply in the primary counties of Napa and Solano, as well as the contiguous counties of Contra Costa, Lake, Sacramento, Sonoma, and Yolo.

## Recovery Activities

### Public Assistance

- RPA: 63 RPAs were received and 10 have withdrawn for a total of 53 RPAs submitted to FEMA.
- Kickoff Meeting: 53 Kickoff Meetings have been completed; leaving 2 remaining to be scheduled once through FEMA's review queue. It is currently anticipated all kickoff meetings will be complete by 1/7/2015.
- PW: 215 PWs are anticipated to be written as a result of the Napa Earthquake. Currently, 75 PWs are drafted, 34 PWs have been entered into the federal database system, 22 of which have been obligated.

### Individual Assistance

- The FEMA and State VAL continue to work with nonprofit organizations in Napa County regarding Long Term Recovery efforts. The Napa Earthquake Recovery Group, aka, eNERGy will be holding a general meeting on December 18, 2014.
- Cal OES IA Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL) continues NGO coordination in Solano County. The Vallejo Earthquake Recovery Group (VERG), a long term recovery group, has formed and has established by-laws and elected an Executive Board. United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) will provide case management training to local organizations in Napa and Solano counties.
- Assistance Centers – The County and City of Napa: Local Assistance Center (LAC) opened on 09/08/14 at 301 1st Street, Napa (corner of 1st Street and Silverado Trail). On 10/29/14, FEMA and SBA provided representatives in the Napa LAC. The operational hours for the LAC are Monday - Friday 9 AM to 6 PM; Saturdays 9 AM to 4 PM; Sundays closed. **NOTE:** The LAC will be closed on 12/24, 12/25, and 12/26 and will open on 12/27 and 12/29/14.
- The Disaster Recovery Center located at 1155 Capitol Street in the City of Vallejo officially closed at 6 p.m. on 11/25/14, and on Monday, 12/01/14, SBA opened a Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) at the John F. Kennedy Library, 505 Santa Clara Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Vallejo. The operational hours for the DLOC are Monday – Thursday 10 AM to 6PM; Fridays 10 AM to 5 PM.
- The LAC and DLOC is open until further notice. The DLOC in Vallejo will close on Tuesday, December 23, 2014.



# **RECOVERY ACTIVITIES**

## **2014 Statewide December Winter Storms**

Cal OES Regions and Recovery continue to work closely with all impacted operational areas to assess the impacts, losses, and costs of the December Winter Storm.

## **Cal OES Coastal Region**

### **Recovery**

- A Local Assistance Center (LAC) will be established for residents and business owners to apply for assistance at the South San Francisco Parking Structure located at 329 Miller Avenue, SSF. SBA will operate their Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) out of the LAC and will continue as needed, even after the LAC closes.

### **TENTATIVE LOCAL ASSISTANCE CENTER SCHEDULE:**

- January 5-6, 2015
- Hours to be determined

### **Missions:**

- **2014-CREOC-8008**, San Mateo County requests 4 State Housing and Community Development evaluators to assist the County with assessing the impacts of the flood on 80 mobile homes. Mission was completed 12/19/14, but will remain open until after the holidays for inspectors to monitor again and reach those they couldn't on the initial visit to ensure they have no major damage and to give them the Flood Damage Repair Guidelines material.

# CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

## Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- The SOC, Inland, Coastal, and Southern REOCs and the Santa Barbara County EOC are activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued an Executive Order on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought. Specifically, through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.



**Mission:**

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

*We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.*